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REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 13-66 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 1, 6, 13, 37 and 61-66 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in one or more continuing applications. Claims 14, 15, 21-26, 29-30, 38, 39 and 45 have been amended. Claims 14, 15, 38, and 39 have been amended to include the recitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 21 and 45 have been amended to depend from claims deemed allowable. Claims 22-26 and 29-30 have been amended merely to address formalities and not for any substantial reason relating to patentability. As a result, claims 14-36 and 38-60 are pending, with claims 14, 15, 38 and 39 being independent claims. No new matter has been added, and the amendments do not raise any new issues.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that several claims have been deemed to recite allowable subject matter. In particular, claims 14-20 and 38-45 have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claims 14, 15, 38, and 39, each of which was deemed to recite allowable subject matter by the Examiner, have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent claims 14, 15, 38, and 39 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 16-20, 21-36, 40-44 and 45-60 depend from claims 15, 14, 39, and 38, respectively, and are believed to be allowable at least on the basis of their dependency. Although dependent claims 21-36 and 45-60 are currently withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention, each of these claims depends from one of independent claims 14, 15, 38, and 39, which are now believed to be in allowable condition. Accordingly, each of claims 19-36 and 43-60 now depends from an allowable claim and should be allowable as well, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a). Accordingly, allowance of these claims is believed to be proper.

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims of the application are now believed to be in allowable condition. In particular, claims 14-36 and 38-60, including independent claims 14, 15,

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38, and 39, are believed to be in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 23/2825 in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the extension fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825.

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